

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1127–S1185.

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 576–606, S. Res. 88–91, and S. Con. Res. 6. **Pages S1161–62**

Measures Passed:

Black History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 88, celebrating Black History Month. **Pages S1134–35**

Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed S. 527, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turn-around Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. **Pages S1137–38**

Welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 76, welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint meeting of Congress, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1150–51**

Cornyn Amendment No. 262, to make a technical correction. **Page S1150**

Cornyn Amendment No. 263, to amend the title. **Page S1151**

Oregon Shakespeare Festival: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, congratulating the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on its 80th year. **Page S1184**

American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 90, designating February 2015 as “American Heart Month” and February 6, 2015, as “National Wear Red Day”. **Page S1184**

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 91, designating March 2, 2015, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1184**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of

H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

Pages S1128–29, S1129–34, S1135–37, S1138–50, S1151–52

Pending:

McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 255, of a perfecting nature. **Page S1151**

McConnell Amendment No. 256 (to Amendment No. 255), to change the enactment date. **Page S1151**

McConnell Amendment No. 257 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 255), to change the enactment date. **Page S1151**

McConnell Amendment No. 258 (to Amendment No. 257), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1151**

McConnell motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 259, to change the enactment date. **Page S1151**

McConnell Amendment No. 260 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 259), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1151**

McConnell Amendment No. 261 (to Amendment No. 260), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1151**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 26, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur at 10 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2015. **Page S1151–52**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 10 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2015, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, with the exception of 10 minutes for Senator Lee, or his designee, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the pending amendments with the exception of McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 255 (listed above) be withdrawn, and Senate vote on or in relation to McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 255; and Senate vote on passage of the bill as amended, if amended; and that there be two minutes of debate equally divided prior

to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 534, to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration. **Page S1152**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2015. **Page S1184**

Immigration Rule of Law Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 534, to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration. **Page S1152**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 26, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. **Page S1152**

Appointments:

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and further amended by Public Law 100-365, appointed the following Senator to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Senator Sullivan. **Page S1184**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Andrew LaMont Eanes, of Kansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Mary Barzee Flores, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Julien Xavier Neals, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1184.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 142, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 143, to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

S. 253, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 304, to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 373, to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman, both of the National Transportation Safety Board, Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and nomination for promotions in the United States Coast Guard.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Tony Dixon, Director, Business Operations, Strategic Planning, Budget and Accountability, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "End Modern Slavery and Trafficking Initiative Act of 2015".

MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine medical and public health preparedness and response, focusing on future threats, after receiving testimony from Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness

and Response, Robin A. Robinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary and BARDA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Stephen C. Redd, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Luciana Borio, Assistant Commissioner for Counterterrorism Policy, Director, Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Deputy Chief Scientist (Acting), Food and Drug Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, and Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Veterans' programs and fiscal year 2017 advance appropriations request, after receiving testimony from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Joy Ilem, DAV, Raymond C. Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ian de Planque, The American Legion, and Richard Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 53 public bills, H.R. 1093–1145; 1 private bill, H.R. 1146; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 35–37; H. Con. Res. 19; and H. Res. 128, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 749, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–30); and

H. Res. 129, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 35) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–31).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Newhouse to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Bruce Miroglio, St. Helena Catholic Church, St. Helena, California.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 168 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 94.

Pages H1174–75, H1192–93

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

Student Success Act: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, February 27th.

Pages H1193–1266, H1266–85, H1285–99

Pursuant to H. Res. 125, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce

now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–8, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–29, shall be considered as adopted.

Pages H1193–H1252

Agreed to:

Lawrence amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that requires that the Secretary of Education disapprove of any State plan that fails to, in consultation with State and local education agencies to demonstrate that there is a separate reporting of academic assessments for foster youth; Page H1257

Goodlatte amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that would provide flexibility to localities by providing States with the authority to allow local educational agencies to administer their own, locally designed academic assessment system, in place of the State-designed academic system;

Pages H1257–59

Langevin amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that requires states applying for funds under title I to show how they would use the funds to provide apprenticeships that offer academic credit, and how they would use the funds to provide comprehensive career counseling to the students;

Pages H1259–60

Barletta amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that states that if school districts use Title I money for after school, before school, or summer school activities, it would require them to describe those activities in their local plans;

Pages H1260–61

Quigley amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that restores the paraprofessional qualifications that are in place under current law, which helped stop school districts from hiring paraprofessionals with little experience in education and no professional training (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 98);

Pages H1261–62, H1268–69

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that requires LEAs to develop agreements with Head Start and other agencies to carry out early childhood education activities;

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Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that gives certainty to local and state entities that current collective bargaining agreements must remain in place;

Pages H1263–64

McKinley amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that establishes a state-led definition of "workforce critical subjects", and requires

states to provide an explanation of the subjects they identify as “workforce critical”; **Pages H1265–66**

Delaney amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that makes Pay For Success initiatives an allowable use of funds for States and Local Educational Agencies to improve outcomes and save money by training and supporting teachers;

Pages H1270–71

Jeffries amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that ensures that teachers, parents and other educational professionals receive education on the harms of copyright piracy in order to further educate students to that end;

Pages H1271–72

Clark (MA) amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that clarifies that early childhood education-focused professional development is an acceptable use of funds;

Pages H1272–73

Cohen amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that allows for Title II funds to be used for restorative justice and conflict resolution training;

Pages H1273–74

Wilson (FL) amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that requires school districts to be transparent in providing information to parents at the beginning of the school year on mandated assessments the student will have to take during the school year and any school district policy on assessment participation;

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Polis amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that expresses the sense of Congress that charter schools are a critical part of our education system in this Nation and that Congress must support opening more quality charter schools to help students succeed in their future;

Pages H1274–75

Polis amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that encourages collaboration and sharing of best practices between charter schools and local education agencies;

Pages H1275–76

Kelly amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that requires Statewide Family Engagement Centers to conduct training programs in the community to improve adult literacy, including financial literacy;

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Bonamici amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that allows State educational agencies and eligible entities to use Local Academic Flexible Grant funds to audit and streamline assessment systems, eliminates unnecessary assessments, and improves the use of assessments;

Pages H1276–78

Polis amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that allows grants to be used for the creation and distribution of open access textbooks and open educational resources;

Pages H1278–79

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that supports accountability-based programs and activities that are designed to

enhance school safety, which may include research-based bullying prevention, cyberbullying prevention, disruption of recruitment activity by groups or individuals involved in violent extremism, and gang prevention programs as well as intervention programs regarding bullying;

Pages H1279–80

Nolan amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that amends the current stated policy of the United States with respect to the education of Indian children to ensure that Indian children do not attend school in buildings that are dilapidated or deteriorating, as part of the unique and continuing trust relationship with, and responsibility to, the Indian people;

Pages H1281–83

Davis (CA) amendment (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that clarifies the definition of “school leader” such that it explicitly refers to a school principal as opposed to an off-site administrator;

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Castro amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that improves college and career readiness for homeless youth by requiring the State to include in the State Plan a description of how such youth would receive assistance from counselors to advise, prepare, and improve college readiness;

Pages H1289–90

Collins (GA) amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that improves accountability and ensures proper oversight of taxpayer funds authorized by this legislation;

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Dold amendment (No. 37 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that ensures that federal education dollars go toward their intended use for student benefit in the classroom by clarifying that funds received under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act shall not be diverted by the states to fill prior unfunded liability shortfalls in teacher pension programs; when a state receives funds under ESEA and distributes those funds to LEAs, this amendment prohibits the state from requiring LEAs to make a contribution to a pension program that is in excess of the “normal cost” of that teacher’s participation in the pension program; and

Pages H1291–92

Flores amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that reaffirms students’, teachers’ and school administrators’ right to exercise religion; in addition, it is the sense of Congress that schools examine their policies to ensure students and teachers are fully able to participate in activities on school grounds related to their religious freedom.

Pages H1292–93

Rejected:

Kennedy amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that authorizes the STEM Gateways grant program as an allowable use of flexible funding received by state educational agencies; states

could award grants to LEAs and qualified partner organizations to support the success of women, minorities, and low-income students in rigorous STEM academics (by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 95); **Pages H1253–55, H1266–67**

Grothman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that shortens authorization from 2021 to 2018 (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 96); **Pages H1255–56, H1267**

Castro amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that appoints a neutral Ombudsman within the Department of Education to ensure K–12 textbooks are held to high academic standards (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 97); **Pages H1259, H1268**

Moore amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that delays implementation of new Title II formula until the Secretary of Education determines that the implementation will not reduce funding for schools serving high percentages of students in poverty (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 99); and **Pages H1264–65, H1269–70**

Wilson (FL) amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that provides for Intensive Care Reading Labs and for specialization of school staffing for the purposes of basic skills in language arts, mathematics, and science in grades 1–3 as allowable uses in block grant funding. **Pages H1280–81**

Withdrawn:

Meeks amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that would require that the annual, statewide assessments measure student growth and require that student growth be a component of achievement within the accountability system established by a given state; **Pages H1256–57**

Fudge amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that ensures continued state investment in educating students by requiring states to demonstrate that the level of state and local funding remains constant from year to year; and **Pages H1262–63**

Courtney amendment (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that amends 20 U.S.C. 7703 to increase weight of non-connected children residing in public-private venture (PPV) housing located on military property for the purposes of Impact Aid basic support payment calculations. **Page H1281**

Proceedings Postponed:

Zeldin amendment (No. 30 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to allow a State to withdraw from the Common Core Standards or any other specific standards; **Pages H1283–85**

Hurd amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to express the sense of Congress that students' personally identifiable infor-

mation is important to protect as applied to current law and this act; **Page H1285**

Grayson amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to require the Secretary of Education to conduct an assessment of the impact of school start times on student health, well-being, and performance; **Page H1286**

Wilson (FL) amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to provide for school dropout prevention and re-entry and provides grants to raise academic achievement levels for all students; **Pages H1286–89**

Carson (IN) amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to advance assessments of student achievement and instructional practices, effective teacher preparation and continuing professional development, education administration, and international comparisons; the amendment supports development of a national research strategy to ensure that students, particularly at risk students, have effective teachers and are being prepared for the future; **Pages H1290–91**

Brownley (CA) amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to create a grant program for states to create or expand biliteracy seal programs to recognize student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language for graduating high school seniors; **Pages H1293–95**

Loeb sack amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to support the expansion of the use of digital learning through competitive grants to partnerships to implement and evaluate the results of technology-based learning practices, strategies, tools, or programs at rural schools; and **Pages H1295–97**

Polis amendment (No. 41 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to authorize—but does not appropriate funds—for the Secretary of Education to provide grants for: early-childhood education scholarships, professional development and licensing credentials, or increased compensation for educators who have attained specific qualifications. **Pages H1297–99**

H. Res. 125, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5), was agreed to by recorded vote of 234 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 93, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 93. **Pages H1180–92**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 125 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 91. **Pages H1180–82**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions to authorize 12 lease prospectuses, including three alteration projects and nine leases, included in the General Services Administration's FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 12, 2015.

Pages H1299–H1362

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1179–80.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1181–82, H1191–92, H1192, H1193, H1266–67, H1267, H1268, H1268–69, and H1269–70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SNAP RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS AND DYNAMICS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing to review SNAP recipient characteristics and dynamics. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy budget. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service budget. Testimony was heard from Al Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Navy budget. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary, United States Navy; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief

of Naval Operations; and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

VITAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVING THE NATION'S AGING AND DISABLED COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held an oversight hearing on the vital responsibility of serving the nation's aging and disabled communities. Testimony was heard from Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration; and Kathy Greenlee, Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Environmental Protection Agency budget. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and David Bloom, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Transportation budget. Testimony was heard from Anthony Foxx, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Architect of the Capitol and Library of Congress budgets. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol; and James H. Billington, Librarian of the Congress.

OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE AGAINST THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Outside Perspectives on the President's Proposed Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR STRATEGIC FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year

2016 Budget Request for Strategic Forces”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command; and Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

THE BLACKLISTING EXECUTIVE ORDER: REWRITING FEDERAL LABOR POLICIES THROUGH EXECUTIVE FIAT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “The Blacklisting Executive Order: Rewriting Federal Labor Policies Through Executive Fiat”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE FY 2016 HHS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the FY 2016 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

UPDATE: PATENT DEMAND LETTER PRACTICES AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Update: Patent Demand Letter Practices and Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION—PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration—Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACROSS THE OTHER POND: U.S. OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Across the Other Pond: U.S. Opportunities and Challenges in the Asia Pacific”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S NEW CUBA POLICY AND U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “The President’s New Cuba Policy and U.S. National Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE SHAME OF IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint hearing entitled “The Shame of Iranian Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING DHS’S PERFORMANCE: WATCHDOG RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Assessing DHS’s Performance: Watchdog Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

ADDRESSING REMAINING GAPS IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Addressing Remaining Gaps in Federal, State, and Local Information Sharing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISIL IN AMERICA: DOMESTIC TERROR AND RADICALIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “ISIL in America: Domestic Terror and Radicalization”. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Steinbach, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Richard W. Stanek, Sheriff, Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 870, the “Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE: ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESOURCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Copyright Office: Its Functions and Resources”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT TO TAX FILING: A PPACA UPDATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules held a hearing entitled “From Health Care Enrollment to Tax Filing: A PPACA Update”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Counihan, Director

and Marketplace CEO, the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight.

EXAMINING THE IMPACTS OF EPA AIR AND WATER REGULATIONS ON THE STATES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Examining the Impacts of EPA Air and Water Regulations on the States and the American People”. Testimony was heard from Tim Fox, Attorney General, State of Montana; Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General, State of Arkansas; and public witnesses.

IRS: TIGTA UPDATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “IRS: TIGTA Update”. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; and Timothy Camus, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Department of the Treasury.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 35, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 35. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

OVERVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Overview of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposals for the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Standards and Technology”. Testimony was heard from France Córdoba, Director, National Science Foundation; Daniel Arvizu, Chairman, National Science Board; and Willie E. May, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1021, the “Protecting the Integrity of Medicare Act of 2015”; H.R. 284, the “Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 876, the “NOTICE Act”; and H.R. 887, the “Electronic Health Fairness Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1021, H.R. 284, H.R. 876, and H.R. 887.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Air Force budget, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, Natural Resources Conservation Service budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education budgets; hearing on Bureau of Indian Education oversight, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “The Needs of Drinking Water Systems in Rural and Smaller Communities”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 400, the “Trafficking Prevention in Foreign Affairs Contracting Act”; H.R. 757, the “North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015”; and H. Res. 53, condemning the cowardly attack on innocent men, women, and children in the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled “The State of Class Actions Ten Years After the Enactment of the Class Action Fairness Act”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Ensuring Government Transparency Through FOIA Reform”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “The Commercial Crew Program: Challenges and Opportunities”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, February 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, February 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act. At approximately 10 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 240, on or in relation to McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 255 to H.R. 240, passage of H.R. 240, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 534, Immigration Rule of Law Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 5—Student Success Act and consideration of H.J. Res. 35—Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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